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1. It is stated in Czechoslovak Government circles that the recently exploded Soviet atomic bomb was filled with plutonium. The bomb's construction was supposedly based "on the Canadian method". With the setting off of the bomb, the USSR's available plutonium resources were considerably depleted.
2. The Soviets are currently undertaking another series of tests based "on the American uranium method". In the course of this experimentation, a premature explosion occurred which killed "most" of the scientists involved in the program. Research policy is directed by a special division of Beriya's Ministry of the Interior.
3. Uranium for the tests mentioned above is obtained from Czechoslovakia. New mines have been opened at Slakov u Brna and the yield is reported to be very good: 50 percent pure uranium ore.

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